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SUBJECT: ENERGY: FURTHER APPROACH TO GON ON ENERGY

CONFERENCE

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1. DCM GAVE SECRETARY GENERAL RINGNALDA IN PRIME MIN-

ISTER'S OFFICE COPY OF EMBASSY FEB 1 AIDE MEMOIRE
SETTING OUT SUBSTANTIVE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. DCM
SAID THIS INFORMATION WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE MORE
SPECIFICITY AND CLARIFY ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY HAVE
BEEN OCCASIONED BY US VIEWS ON AGENDA AND SCENARIO
FOR WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WHICH WE GAVE THE
DUTCH THE DAY BEFORE. POINT WAS MADE TO DR. RINGNALDA
THAT US WAS PLANNING ON SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN
BOTH PLENARY AND WORKING PARTY SESSIONS RESULTING IN
CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD BASIC OBJECTIVE OF NEW INTER-
NATIONAL PETROLEUM ARRANGEMENTS. CAPITAL IMPORTANCE
AND URGENCY OF SITUATION DID NOT ALLOW ANYTHING LESS.
LATEST VIEWS FROM WASHINGTON ALSO UNDERLINED KEY ROLE
WHICH WE ENVISAGE FOR FINANCE MINISTERS IN THESE DIS-
CUSSIONS.

2. RINGNALDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS IN-
FORMATION WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE PRIME MINISTER
DEN UYL BEFORE HE LEFT FOR THE SALZBURG CONFERENCE OF
SMALLER COUNTRIES. RINGNALDA BELIEVED THAT FINANCE
MINISTER DUISENBERG WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE GON
DELEGATION AND UNDERSTOOD THAT DEN UYL WAS GOING TO
RAISE WITH HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES THE POSSIBILITY OF
INCLUDING ECONOMICS MINISTER LUBBERS AS WELL. RING-
NALDA ASKED HOW WASHINGTON WOULD FEEL ABOUT THIS.
DCM REFERRED TO CONVERSATION HE HAD DAY BEFORE WITH
PRIME MINISTER'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR MERCKELBACH
AND REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE PLENTY OF SCOPE FOR
BOTH FINANCE AND ECONOMICS MINISTERS AS WELL AS
FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

3. RINGNALDA EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN LEVEL OF
DELEGATION OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE SENDING AS
THIS WOULD HAVE A DEFINITE BEARING ON GON'S FINAL
DECISION. DCM SAID HE WOULD PUT THIS INQUIRY TO
WASHINGTON AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE AN ANSWER FOR
RINGNALDA EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. COMMENT: FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S POSITIVE STATE-
MENT TO THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 31 (THE HAGUE 0565),
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CORROBORATED BY RINGNALDA IN THIS CONVERSATION, IN-
DICATE THAT AS OF NOW FINANCE MINISTER DUISENBERG WILL
BE IN THE GON DELEGATION. EMBASSY BRUSSELS MAY WISH
TO MAKE THIS POINT TO GOB OFFICIALS, WHO APPEARED TO
BE MAKING A CASE FOR NON-PARTICIPATION BY FINANCE
MINISTERS (BRUSSELS 0649).

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